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1. A process for creating and utilizing gas from waste materials, wherein the waste materials are conveyed along a grate in a furnace and combustion air is supplied to the furnace, the grate including at least two undergrate forced draft chambers arranged in the longitudinal direction of the grate, comprising: supplying combustion air to the undergrate forced draft chambers in such a way that the oxygen is supplied at a super-stoichiometric level through the first undergrate forced draft chamber to ignite the waste materials residing on the grate above the first undergrate forced draft chamber and at a substoichiometric level necessary for gasification of the combustible components at the second and further undergrate forced draft chambers.
